

**Project Name:**

Construction of a new Critical Access Hospital

**Recipient:**

Comanche County Hospital Authority

**Address:**

3401 West Gore Blvd., Lawton, OK 73505

**Amount Requested:**

\$6,000,000

**Project Explanation:**

In early 2016, the Tilman Memorial Hospital in Frederick, OK discontinued inpatient and ER services which closed the hospital. The residents only have access to primary care at the Memorial Medical Group Clinic. The hospital closure has caused residents to drive more than thirty minutes to an hour to the closest hospital (either in Vernon, TX, Altus, OK, and Lawton, OK). As such, Comanche County Hospital Authority desires to increase access to emergency and inpatient care in Tilman County.

Hospital will include two emergency treatment rooms, five inpatient beds, lab, radiology, and space for support services. The Ambulatory Clinic will include eight exam rooms and one procedure room. The goal is to provide a safety net hospital for this vulnerable, aging population in Southwest Oklahoma.

**TOM COLE**

4TH DISTRICT, OKLAHOMA

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March 24, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the construction of a new Critical Access Hospital in Frederick, Oklahoma in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Comanche County Hospital Authority located at 3401 W. Gore Blvd., Lawton, Oklahoma 73505.

The funding would be used to construct a new critical access hospital and ambulatory clinic at 319 E. Josephine Ave., Frederick, Oklahoma 73542. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the original hospital in Frederick discontinued inpatient and emergency room services in 2016. This closure has caused residents to drive up to an hour to the closest hospital. The new hospital will include two emergency treatment rooms, five inpatient beds, lab, radiology, and space for support services.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Tom Cole  
Member of Congress